



Funding for Beau

Many of you will have seen in the press and on social media the plight of Beau, the little school girl from Roberttown who, until December 2020 was your average 4 year old. Unfortunately, shortly after Christmas of 2020 she was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma a rare and aggressive cancer that at the point of diagnosis has only 50% chance of long-term survivorship.

Family and friends have set up a fund raising campaign to raise money (£317,000.00 by April) for Beau to have access to the Bivalent Vaccine trial in New York at the memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer centre, treatment that is targeted at keeping the cancer away once in remission.

The community has really come together with some fabulous ideas for fundraising, there has been raffles, a golf day, midnight walk, bike rides, craft fairs the list is endless. 60 schools took part in the RainBeau Clothes Day on 28 January and raised in excess of £27000.00. One event that took place this past weekend, which was organised by the office of Kim Leadbeater MP and Asda Superstore Dewsbury, was the Treadmill Challenge. The idea was that the volunteers were to run 60K with each participant running for ½ hour between the hours of 10am -4pm. Two of our own staff Mrs Bates and Miss Gennevieve took part in the event, which was a particularly demanding as

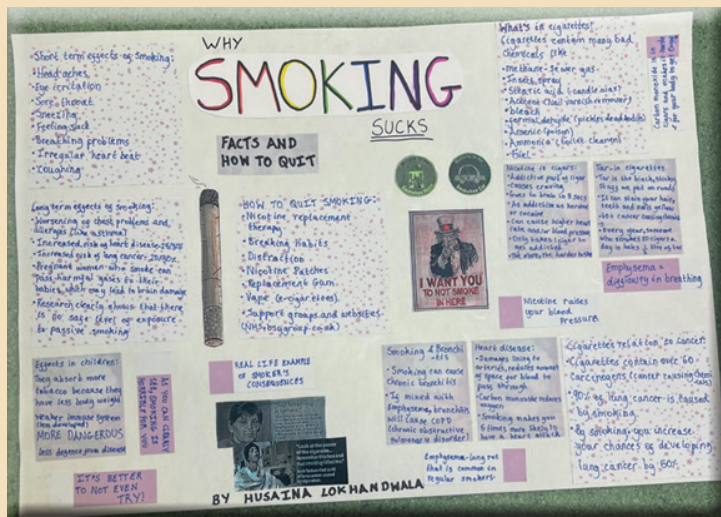


the treadmill was jammed on an incline making half an hour of running up hill exhausting. The day was a great success with the challenge raising £1000.00 our thanks go to Mrs Bates and Miss Gennevieve for giving up their time.

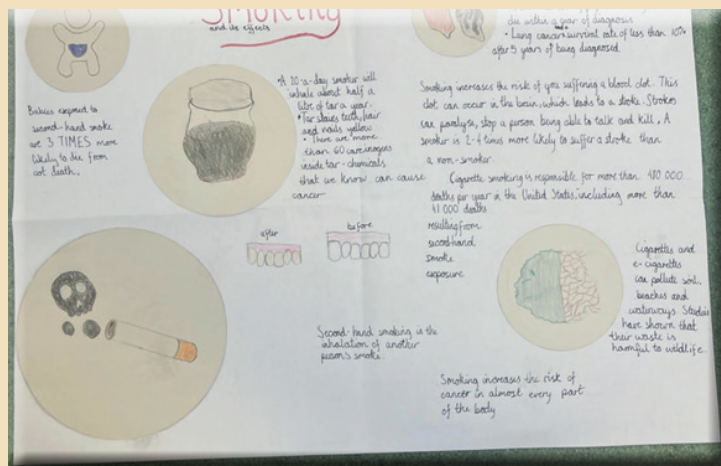
Over the next couple of weeks we will be holding our own fundraising events, starting with "Wear a Rose for Beau". The Rose pin badges will be on sale from Monday 7 - Friday 11 February for a minimum donation of £2.00. This will be followed by a bake sale where all the confectionary has been donated by our school catering team, Mellors. The sale will take place on Friday 11 February in the Middle yard.

Subject Focus - Biology

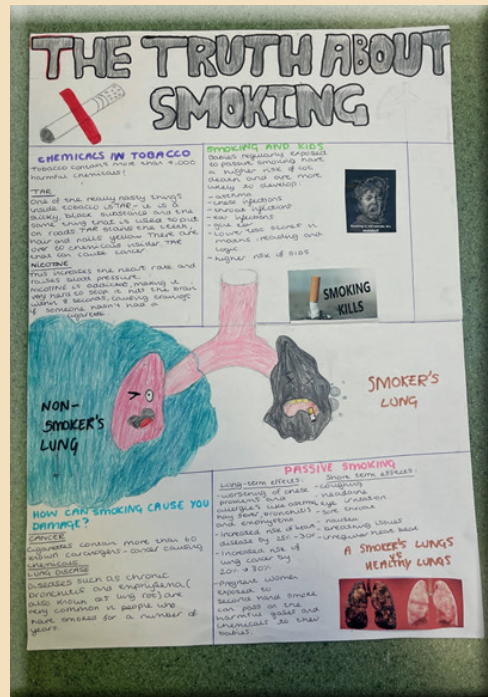
Year 8 smoking poster.



across (we were banned from sharing the song, but it was amazing!).



As part of the national curriculum at key Stage 3 students need to be aware of the dangers and health risks associated with smoking. This is a hugely important message, and our year 8 students were tasked with presenting the finding of their research. Most chose to present as a poster, some of the best examples shown below, however, others produced pop-up presentations and even took to singer/song writing to get the message



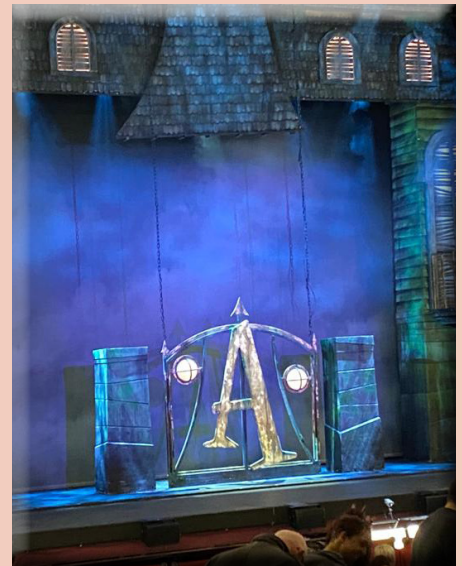
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The Goofy and The Kooky Addams Family

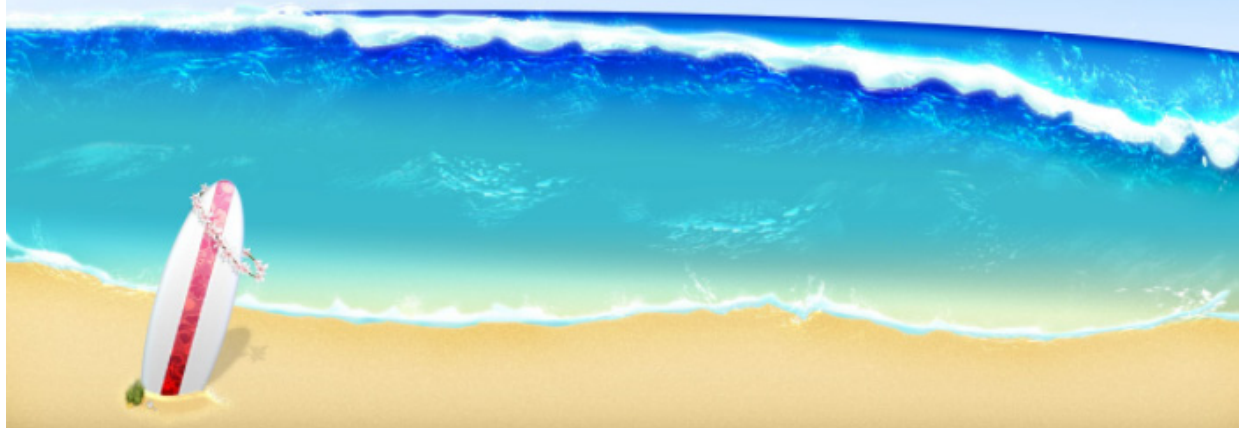
Wednesday evening saw 50 Music and Drama students from Y9, 12 & 13 visiting the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford to see the touring production of The Addams Family. The musical is a fun-filled comedy with great songs, music, and amusing dialogue. The production started with the infamous fingers clicks of the well-known theme tune which was great fun for all! Our students were incredibly well behaved and represented Heckmondwike Grammar School fantastically.

Students really enjoyed the show. Thank you to parents for their cooperation with dropping off and picking up students. Hearing live music and viewing live theatre is an incredibly enriching and important experience for our students and we hope to run more trips for other year groups throughout the year.



Surfers Against Sewage

First of all, Mr Snowdon got an email from surfers against sewage about a new initiative called plastic free schools. After we agreed that the project sounded like a great idea, we were sent a pack from surfers against sewage with the resources we needed to get started. A group of us went around the school at lunchtime, collecting litter so we could conduct research into single use plastic at our school. Once we had gathered this information, we began to think about what we were going to do next. The second step on the journey to becoming a plastic free school was to conduct assemblies to alert the rest of the school as to what we were doing. Lucy Chapman lead this, writing the speech and being the main voice of our form. She did an amazing job organising everything, putting in great effort along with everyone else. Everyone reacted positively to our assemblies, and many people seemed interested and wanted to help. In the near future, we are planning to present our research to the school catering company, Mellors, and hopefully replace some of the single use plastic in our school. In order to achieve plastic free schools status, we must remove 3 single use plastics, but due to the amount of interest in the project we are hoping to go above and beyond. After this, the fourth step is for us is to write letters to local politicians and ask them to represent us at parliament. We must also report any responses we receive to surfers against sewage as evidence of our work. The final step in the project is to challenge the main offenders in the industry, and try to change their ways.



We are trying to achieve 5 objectives set by Surfers against sewage the next after this is to talk with our own suppliers of single use plastic and local government and then after that to petition national and international businesses and government to try to make a change.



More details here: <https://plasticfreeschools.org.uk/>

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100% Progress

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Pupils form a Plastic Free Action Group and conduct a single-use plastic investigation across the school, recording the results.

2 - Campaign launch

0% Progress

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The Plastic Free Action Group share the investigation results and further research into the issues of single-use plastic in an assembly and school news article.

3 - Stemming the flow

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At least three single-use plastic items identified in the investigation are eliminated from the school, for good.

4 - Challenging Government

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YOUR TASKS

- We have formed a Plastic Free Schools Action group. Done
- How many pupils are in your Plastic Free Schools Action Group? 26
- We have completed our single-use plastic investigation. Done
- Input the results from your investigation Done

2 - CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

0% Progress

The Plastic Free Action Group share the investigation results and further research into the issues of single-use plastic in an assembly and school news article.

[Submit for approval](#)

YOUR TASKS

- We have held a Plastic Free Schools assembly to launch our campaign.
- We have published a news article to launch our Plastic Free Schools campaign.
- How did you share the news of your Plastic Free Schools campaign launch?

[Sign up a new business](#)

3 - STEMMING THE FLOW

0% Progress

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YOUR TASKS

- What is the first single-use plastic item you have removed or replaced from your school?
- What is the second single-use plastic item you have removed or replaced from your school?
- What is the third single-use plastic item you have removed or replaced from your school?
- Have you gone to the top of the class and removed more than 3 single-use plastic items?

4 - CHALLENGING GOVERNMENT

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Pupils write and send letters to the local politician outlining their campaign, their findings in the school and asking the politician for help to tackle the issue.

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YOUR TASKS

- What is the name of the politician you contacted?
- How many letters or messages did you send?
- How did you contact your politician?
- How many responses (if any) did you receive?
- Did you contact any other politicians?

5 - CHALLENGING INDUSTRY

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YOUR TASKS

- Which brands did you find during your school clean?
- Which brands did you challenge?

Oxford and Cambridge University Offers

Decisions on applications to study at Oxford and Cambridge were finalised last week, with five HGS year 13 students successful in securing offers. They are:

- Isra Khan - English Language and Literature (Oxford)
- Ellis Speight - Mathematics (Cambridge)
- Devan Simon-McBride - Chemical Engineering (Cambridge)
- Reuben Price - Mathematics (Cambridge)
- Leo Beevers - English (Cambridge)

Congratulations to all students, and the 220 others who have so far collectively received around 500 offers to study at universities across the UK. We will keep you updated on their progress!



House news

Points after 19 events. Next week will see a bumper bulletin - watch this space.



Akroyd Open Scholarship Examination

In November, several year 13 students participated in the Akroyd Open Scholarship Examination, which every year invites students from across Yorkshire to write a single essay from a vast choice of topics. This year, three of our students' responses were commended in the examiner's report. They are:

Amena Shaikh
Simon Skeffington
Caitlin Reid

Well done all.

Arkwright Scholarship

Last year that the HGS were successful in their bid to become a partner school for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship programme and we launched our 2022 bid with year 10 students before the summer. I am pleased to report that 6 students have recently completed their projects, taken the aptitude test and submitted their applications. They now nervously wait to see if their applications have been successful, and they move on to the interview stage. The AES awards financial and mentoring support to students wanting to forge a career in any field of Engineering by partnering them with businesses across the nation who would be interested in sponsoring them through their post-16 education and potentially their university course.

Congratulations to the following students and their projects. We will keep you up to date with the next stage of their applications. All students have worked tirelessly on their projects, it has been amazing to observe the dedication they have had to solving their own problem using engineering.

Daniyal Shaikh - snowplough Go-Kart,
Archie Hall - business card holder
Aadi Gautam - automatic food stirrer
Ayush Gautam - automatic garden waterer
Konstantinos Kanakaris - Omnidirectional buggy
Jamie Allinson - Revision aid computer program





We have exciting News

We are entering a staff team in the Run for Jo 2022. As many of you know Jo Cox was an HGS student and Head Girl and we have since, her murder, been involved in many of the community events.

The Run for Jo is special, as we run as a HGS family unit. We have over the course of entering the run, had a Team HGS t-shirt, however with funding being in short supply we are offering parents or small companies an advertising opportunity.

Would you consider sponsoring our team by donating money to help us raise enough funds for a team t-shirt?

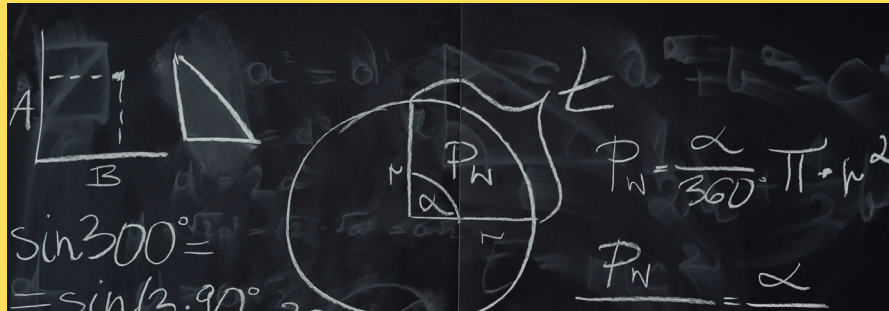
In demonstration of our gratitude, anyone who sponsors the team will have their logo printed on team t-shirts and there will be social media and Heckler coverage.

If you are interested in sponsoring our team, please email lsmith@heckgrammar.co.uk who will then contact you to discuss.

Thank you in advance

Peter Roberts - Headteacher

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MATHS CHALLENGE 2022



There are challenges for:

- Y8 & below
- Y10 & below
- Open category (under 18)

The theme this year is Famous
Artworks

**CONTACT MS JARVIS FOR MORE DETAILS
QUESTIONS WILL AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 11
FEBRUARY.**

DEADLINE FOR RETURNED ENTRIES IS 11 MARCH

The charity Mathematical Education on Merseyside has been running Challenge and Senior Challenge take-home maths competitions in February half term since the late 1970s. The competitions attract about 2000 entries annually, with Challenge aimed at years 7 and 8, and Senior Challenge aimed at years 9 and 10.

A third competition, the Open Challenge, is aimed at students aged 18 and under and is organised by the Liverpool Mathematical Society.

Last year three HGS students' entries were awarded prizes, one in each of the three categories. Let's see if we can better that result this year!

Please contact Ms Jarvis via Teams if you would like to take part. Challenges will be available via Teams from Friday 11 February.



Appeal to raise £317,000 for Beau's cancer treatment in New York by May 2022

You can give Beau hope

FUND RAISING

**Rose pins for sale
£2.00 each.**

Wear a rose on your lanyard or on your lapel. Support Beau and help her get better.



When Monday 7- Friday 11 February
Where Throughout school
Contact Mrs Foster - Student Services



www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk

Solving Kids' Cancer UK Ltd is a registered charity in England and Wales (1135601) and in Scotland (SC046394).

Donations can be made via PARENTPAY
click the link below

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



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Cup cakes for sale, only £1.00 each. Break times on Friday 11 February

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Thank you!

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YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2022



YEARS 7 & 8 ONLINE DESSERT CHALLENGE:

Create a restaurant style dessert and send us your pictures

OPEN TO YEARS 7 & 8

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday 18 March 2022, 12 Noon

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED:
Friday 27 May 2022

To enter please send us pictures of:

- 1 - You making the dessert
- 2 - You holding the dessert
- 3 - The recipe
- 4 - Your final dish

Contact student recruitment for guidelines and entry form sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk



KIRKLEES COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE BUDDING CHEFS FROM ALL OUR SURROUNDING SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN



YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2022

YEARS 9, 10 & 11 DESSERT CHALLENGE:

You will have 2 hours to create and serve 4 portions of a restaurant style plated dessert and sweet sauce



OPEN TO YEARS 9, 10 & 11

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday 18 March 2022, 12 Noon

HEATS: Starting from Wednesday 4 May 2022

MASTERCLASS: Wednesday 25 May 2022

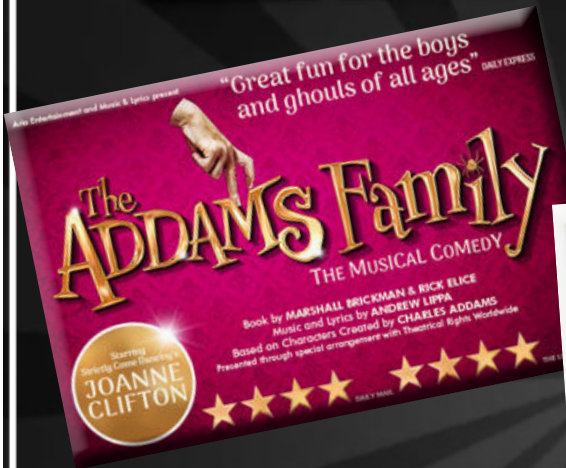
FINAL: Wednesday 15 June 2022

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HGS

trips



The Holocaust
Exhibition and
Learning Centre



Yr 11 English Students
Leeds Playhouse 10 March 2022



Yr 11 & 12 Drama Students
17 February 2022



Yr 12 Geographers#
28 -February -3 March 2022



Parent Notices

W/C 7 February 2022

**Buy a Ribbon for Beau details enclosed
in the Heckler**

Thursday 10 February 2022

**Year 13 Parents & Students Revision Evening
Details to be shared shortly**

Friday 11 February 2022

Buns for Beau on sale at Break

Monday 14 February 2022

Year 8 Options Deadline - end of the school day

Thursday 17 February 2022

**Yr 11 & 12 Trip Lyceum Theatre Trip
&
House Swimming Gala at Dewsbury Leisure Ctr**

Friday 18 February 2022

**School closes normal time - 15.15,
for half-term break**

Monday 28 February 2022

School fully opens after half-term normal time for all

Monday 28 February - Thursday 3 March 2022

A Level Geographers Cranedale Trip